

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
May 21st, 2012 at 7p.m.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, John Stantz and Dean Bruce.

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Sewage Dept. Supt. Shelley Edwards, Street Dept. Supt., Larry Parrish, Marshal Richard Foutch, Michael Stanley, James Baughn

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR May 7, 2012 REGULAR MEETING

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dean Bruce and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Valarie and Tom Gillaspay submitted a petition for vacation of an alley for review by the Town Board. After considerable discussion, the Board determined they needed more time to review the petition, and take it up at the next meeting.

Christine Trester, on behalf Beverly Trester, spoke to the Council regarding abandoned property located at 40 W. Clay, adjacent to her mother's property. She stated that condition of the property, including weeds, rats, tree limbs encroaching on the alley, and her mother's property, and the fact that vagrants have been known to be staying there is causing both a health hazard and an dangerous situation. The Board discussed various recourses available for maintaining or cleaning up this property, and would determine the best way to get relief for Beverly Trester. They agreed to look at the possibility of pursuing a condemnation so it could be maintained by the Town. Richard Lorenz will report the resolution back to Christine Trester.

ABATE of Indiana, who made a request at the previous meeting for an event, clarified the times and the route for their parade from Cooper Park to River Road. The Board approval was requested for this.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the event on May 26th for ABATE, it was seconded by Dean Bruce and passed 3-0.

The Clerk -Treasurer reported that the event sponsored by the Art Guild for June 9th was canceled and would be rescheduled for a later date. She will notify the agencies of this cancellation.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Richard Foutch stated that they wanted to buy twelve new parking meters for several locations and they had the necessary funds to purchase them.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the purchase of twelve parking meters at the cost of approximately \$200 per meter for replacement, Dean Bruce seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.

Richard Foutch requested to add Ryan Combs to the Reserve Officers Force.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to accept the addition of Ryan Combs to the Spencer Reserves Department. The motion was seconded by Jon Stantz and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish requested that he and Richard Foutch donate 20 hours of their available sick time to a street employee who may be off the job for a week or more and has no available time of his own.

Dean Bruce made a motion to allow Larry Parrish and Richard Foutch to each donate 20 hours sick time on behalf of the street employee. The motion was seconded by Jon Stantz and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

Two sewer adjustments were presented for approval, one at 53 Cooper Street in the amount of \$66.72 and one at 182 Mallorie Drive in the amount of \$58.38. Both requests for adjustment meet the requirements.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the two adjustments as presented, seconded by Cynthia Hyde and it passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Cynthia Hyde informed the Board that the Fire Territory would be advertising for bids on the sale of surplus equipment. Sealed bids will be sent to the Town Hall.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz presented Cook Urological Statement of Benefits for review and signatures by the Board Members.

Next he introduced the new traffic ordinance for the additional 4-Way Stop at the intersection of Montgomery and Wayne. He updated the ordinance to include all 4-Way and 3-Way Stops.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept Ordinance 2012-2 for the multiple stop intersections. It was seconded by Dean Bruce, and passed 3-0.

Richard Lorenz presented the Resolution to Amend the Personnel Policy in relationship to Nepotism. It was tabled for further review until next meeting.

Ricahrd Lorenz updated the Board on the approval process for HMGP payment of claims.

Jon Stantz made a motion to designate Dean Bruce to approve all HMGP invoices. Cynthia Hyde seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

Regarding the White Property sold in the sheriff sale, Richard Lorenz requested that he be given the ability to negotiate a settlement on behalf of the town and county for past taxes and liens.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Two HWC Engineering invoices were presented by the Clerk-Treasurer for approval on the Safe Routes to School Project in the amounts of \$4,400 and \$4,800.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the two invoices from HWC for \$4,400 and \$4,800. Dean Bruce seconded and it passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

The Town currently has four employees who have been in service for 30 years or more. The Board decided that it would be appropriate to recognize these individuals. Jon Stantz recommend that this be done formally at a board meeting in the near future and decide when at the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Dean Bruce, and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Jon Stantz motioned to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. seconded by Dean Bruce and the motion passed 3-0.

Cynthia Hyde, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest:_____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer